RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

NEW WESTMINSTER

HOME GUARDS.

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PREAMBLE.

A PUBLIC Meeting of the residents of New Westminster was held in the Hyack Hall, on the 13th day of June, 1866, for the purpose of concerting measures for the defence of the City and Colony, in view of a threatening invasion, from the neighbouring Country, of a faction hostile to the British Government.

In pursuance of the resolutions passed at that Meeting, a Citizen Volunteer Rifle Corps was organized on the 14th day of June, 1866, under the designation of the NEW WESTMINSTER HOME GUARDS.

Subjoined are the Rules and Regulations of the Corps, as adopted at a Meeting of the Members held on the 3rd day of August, 1866.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Name of the Corps.

The Corps shall be styled the NEW WESTMINSTER HOME GUARDS.

ARTICLE II.

On admission to the Corps.

Any candidate for admission to the Corps shall be proposed and seconded at a meeting of the Corps, and on receiving a majority of the votes of the members present shall be deemed to be duly elected.

ARTICLE III.

On Subscription to the Corps.

An entrance fee of half a dollar, and a subscription of 25 cents per month, shall be paid by each member.

ARTICLE IV.

Honorary Members.

Honorary members may be enrolled, who are not expected to attend drills or parades, but are to pay a yearly subscription of five dollars.

ARTICLE V.

Business Meetings.*

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corps shall be held for the transaction of business on the first Tuesday in October, January, April, and July, in each year.

* See Memorandum, page 8.

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ARTICLE VI.

Special Business Meetings.

The Commanding Officer shall be at liberty at any time to call a special business meeting of the Corps on his own responsibility, or on a written requisition signed by 12 members of the Corps.

ARTICLE VII.

Finance Committee.

A Finance Committee consisting of three members, not being Officers, shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to make a quarterly examination of the books and accounts of the Treasurer, and render a report of the same at the usual quarterly meeting of the Corps.

ARTICLE VIII.

Disposal of the Funds.

The Treasurer shall hold all the funds of the Corps, and shall only make such payments as shall be authorized by a majority of the Finance Committee, whose orders shall be countersigned by the Commanding Officer. In the event of a dispute arising, the same to be referred to the Corps. The Treasurer shall submit his books and accounts to the Finance Committee whenever called upon so to do.

ARTICLE IX.

On non-payment of Subscription.

If any member fail to pay up his subscription after being duly notified so to do, the Commanding Officer may, within thirty days after such notice, order the member's name to be erased from the Roll, and he shall not again be acknowledged as a member of the Corps unless re-elected.

ARTICLE X.

On non-payment of Fines.

Any member of the Corps who shall refuse to pay any fine imposed on him under these regulations shall be dismissed.

ARTICLE XI.

Death, resignation, or removal of Officers.

In case of death, removal, or resignation of any of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, or Members of Committee, the Corps shall at the next meeting choose others in their stead.

ARTICLE XII.

Anniversary Celebration.

As the social interchange of thought and sentiment will conduce to the maintenance of an *esprit de corps*, the members will celebrate the anniversary of the enrolment of the Corps by dining together (i. e. those who are so disposed) on the 14th day of June. Should the 14th of June happen to be a Sunday the following day shall be observed.

ARTICLE XIII.

Fine for not keeping Arms, &c., in good repair.

Every member of the Corps shall keep his arms, uniform, and accoutrements clean and in good repair, and his ammunition in serviceable order. Any member neglecting so to do shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five dollars, to be imposed by the Commanding Officer on the report of the Inspecting Officer; and any repairs necessary may be ordered at the expense of the offending member.

ARTICLE XIV.

Parades and Roll Call.

Parades shall take place at such times and places as the Commanding Officer shall direct; at each parade the Roll shall be called by a Non-Commissioned Officer, and a return of the names of the absent members shall be made to the Commanding Officer by such Non-Commissioned Officer.

ARTICLE XV.

Commanding Officer's Parades.

If any member of the Corps shall absent himself from Commanding Officer's Parade he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two dollars and a half, unless he can give satisfactory reasons for his absence to the Commanding Officer.

ARTICLE XVI.

Courts of Enquiry.

All charges preferred against members of the Corps shall be made in writing, and addressed to the Commanding Officer, and shall be investigated by a Court of Enquiry, consisting of one Volunteer Officer and four Non-Commissioned Officers or Privates, to be nominated by the Commanding Officer. The Commanding Officer shall *not* sit on a Court of Enquiry.

ARTICLE XVII.

Mode of conducting Courts of Enquiry.

The Officer on the Court of Enquiry shall be the President thereof. The evidence shall be taken down in writing, and the decision of the majority of the members shall be the decision of the Court. The sentence of said Court shall be subject to the approval of the Commanding Officer.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Acts of Insubordination.

Any member of the Corps who shall be guilty of any act of insubordination or disgraceful conduct, while in uniform or during any muster or assembly whatsoever, shall, on conviction by a Court of Enquiry, be liable to be dismissed the Corps, or to suffer such punishment as the Court may have power to award.

ARTICLE XIX.

Disobedience of Orders.

Any member refusing to obey the lawful order of any one his superior in rank in the Corps shall be dismissed.

ARTICLE XX.

Complaints.

All complaints by members must be made in writing to the Commanding Officer.

ARTICLE XXI.

On presenting a Rifle.

Any member presenting a Rifle at a comrade, whether in sport or otherwise, shall be liable to be reported.

ARTICLE XXII.

Leave of absence, Deposit of arms, &c.

Volunteers proceeding on leave of absence are to deposit their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition complete in the Armoury.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Absence from Drills.

Any member, not dismissed drill by the Commanding Officer, absenting himself for one month from regular drills without leave, or satisfactorily explaining such absence, shall be liable to be dismissed the Corps.

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ARTICLE XXIV.

Use of the Butts.

None but active and honorary members of the Corps shall be allowed the use of the Butts.

ARTICLE XXV.

Seal of the Corps.

The Corps shall have an Official Seal, with the following engraved thereon: The Arms of the City surmounted by a small Crown, and encircled with the words "New Westminster Home Guards."

ARTICLE XXVI.

Alteration or amendment of Rules, &c.

These Rules and Regulations may be altered or amended at a Quarterly Meeting of the Corps, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that notice of the motion be given to the Corps at the Quarterly Meeting immediately preceding.

ARTICLE XXVII.

Subscription to Rules.

The foregoing Rules and Regulations shall be signed by all active members of the Corps, whose signatures shall be a pledge of their faithful adherence thereto.

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ROLL OF THE MEMBERS.

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Honorary Colonel.
H. E. Frederick Seymour

Captain.
Alexander Calder

Lieutenants.
T. McMicking
John Robson

Ensign.
J. G. McBean

Surgeon.
A. W. S. Black

Sergeant Major.
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Quarter Master Sergeant.
Robert Dickinson

Sergeants.
Thomas E. Ladner
George Black

Corporals.
Jas. S. McMillan
R. Seabrook
H. A. Hyde

Bugler.
George Scrimgeour

Privates.
W. J. Armstrong
G. R. Ashwell
E. A. Atkins
R. H. Atkins
George Armstrong
J. Brough
W. Blackie
T. Bennett
W. Clarkson
John Calder
Thomas Cook
J. S. Clute
Rev. D. Duff
R. Dean
C. R. Drew
R. Dalziel
R. Elliot
John Fannan
John Graham
W. Grieve
D. Gunn
J. B. Harris
A. Hendry
R. Hannah
John Hall
W. J. Howison
Wm. Irving
G. C. Keyes
John King
C. Lee
D. Little
R. Lawson
M. Millar
G. B. Murray
R. Milman.
A. McKenzie
D. McDougall
A. McLean
W. Nelson
W. Philipson
Philip Parsons
W. Ross
D. J. Robson
Thomas Stodard
G. Simpson
J. A. Widner
R. M. Waldron
J. Wintermute

MEMORANDUM.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1.—Reading Minutes of previous Meeting.

2.—Reading communications and disposing of them.

3.—Reports of Committees.

4.—Undisposed of business.

5.—New business.

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